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COUNTRY Poland

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25X1X Polish and Soviet Troops and Offices in Warszawa.

1. [redacted] source frequently observed Polish soldiers wearing yellow cap bands near the main railroad station. He was told by Polish railroad personnel that the soldiers belonged to the Kosciuszko Division, which consisted of men very reliable in a political respect, and were located in barracks installations in the Warszawa-Targowek Borough. ¹
2. Prior to February 1952, a four-story building, about 30 meters long, in which numerous Polish generals were observed conferring after the completion of its repair in 1947, was observed on the west side of Al. Armii W.P. and north of ul. Litewska. According to fellow PWs, the building and the military installations located there were guarded by the soldiers of a KBW (Internal Security) unit of the size of a company, which occupied a low structure near the building. ²

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3. In March and April 1952, [redacted] a large seven-or eight-story red-brick building at the intersection of ul. Koszykowa and ul. Niepodleglosci and on the south side of the former. It covered the entire quarter enclosed by the streets. A board at the entrance had "General Staff, Ground Forces Section" inscribed in Polish. [redacted] 8 to 12 passenger cars, including large black sedans with fenders mounting standards and colored insignia, usually parked in front of the installation, and a Polish soldier standing guard at the entrance. ³

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4. Prior to September 1950, a large six- or seven-story building was located at the intersection of ul. Rakowiecka and Sokolow and on the north side of the former. It had two entrances on ul. Rakowiecka. According to Polish [redacted] the building, in which mainly civilians and a number of Soviet officers conferred, was occupied by a headquarters of the Soviet Quartermaster Corps. ⁴
5. Between the fall of 1951 and May 1952, the personnel of the Reserve Citizens' Militia (ORMO) received black-blue uniforms, which they wore with service caps with bands of different colors. The militia had removed their arm bands. Armed ORMO members wearing civilian clothes were no longer observed.
6. Prior to January 1952, a four-story building was located at the intersection of Wisniowa and Narbutta, Warszawa-Mokotow, and on the west side of the former. It had been occupied, in November 1951, by an MVD office. The building was guarded by a Soviet soldier wearing red epaulets, who stood at the entrance. According to Polish workers, another structure located west of the building on Narbutta quartered MVD personnel and their dependents. ⁵

KBW Unit in Misdroy.

7. Prior to May 1951, a billeting area of three low brick buildings was located about 3 km south of Misdroy (O 54/L 41) and about 500 meters east of the northern end of the lake south of the town. The installation was occupied by a KBW (Internal Security) unit of about 150 men. The unit was commanded by a captain and included 1 senior lieutenant and 2 lieutenants. It was subordinate to a headquarters in Stettin (O 54/Q 55). The men wore khaki uniforms with dark-blue service color and carried rifles, Soviet-made submachine guns and Soviet-made light machine guns. The unit was equipped with two passenger cars. It was assigned guard missions in a restricted area around Misdroy enclosed by barbed wire. ⁶
1. Comment. The present report confirms the 1st Div Kosciuszko, which was mentioned in a previous report, up to September 1952. See [redacted].
2. Comment. A previous report mentioned only Soviet offices, including the Soviet embassy in the indicated area. See [redacted].

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3. Comment. The Defense Ministry was located in this building. In view of the size of the building it is believed that it is still located there with one entrance reserved to the general staff. See [REDACTED]

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4. Comment. As a previous report of June 1951 stated that a Polish command was located there it is believed that the occupation of the building was changed. See [REDACTED].

5. Comment. A previous report stated that a UB (Security Police) prison with a number of UB offices, apparently Department VI of the Security Ministry, was located directly west of the building. See [REDACTED]. It is believed that the MVD office mentioned in the present report is connected with these Polish offices.

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6. Comment. The unit is believed to belong to the 12th KBW Regt carried in Stettin.

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